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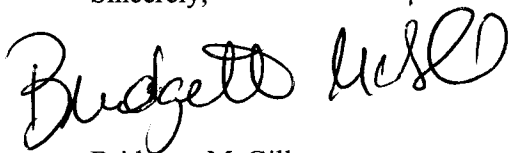
To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Richland County in Columbia, South Carolina. I am writing on behalf of the proposed rate increase of 9.5 percent. Annually, our power bills increase due to the already approved 2.5 percent rate, which has been approved for the next decade. Also, this rate increase was followed by a 4.4 percent rate hike that occurred in 2008.

The state of South Carolina is currently experiencing a severe decrease in unemployment due to our recent recession and lack of job opportunities. To consider increasing the power bill would be detrimental to the residents of South Carolina whom are already struggling to pay their bills on a monthly basis. Also, this will be lack of compassion, understanding, and concern for the residents of South Carolina in the retrospect that you are out to get more money and not concerned with our current situations. This not only applies to those whom need assistance, but to all South Carolina residents.

I urge you to please reconsider proposing the rate hike of 9.5 percent and make due with the current annual increase of 2.5 percent, which has already been approved. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me via email at bridgettemcgill@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridgette McGill", written in a cursive style.

Bridgette McGill
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